

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Maher et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2007, Applicants submit the following: